



Our March meeting was held a week later this month - on Wednesday 18th - as the Club had another booking. An enjoyable meeting with 14 members attending.

Our guest speaker was Matt Ortiger, the CEO of Soul Hub. Always a pleasure to see him. Matt is well known to most members - and Aktion Club members too - as both he and Sue turn up every year to help pack our Care Buckets - gifted to homeless men at Christmas.

Matt spoke of the many volunteers at Soul, providing meals, comfort and assistance to their guests who appear to slip through the cracks in our community.

A donation of \$4,000 was made to the Australia District to assist children affected by the recent fires in Victoria. Members of clubs in the area will utilize the funds to help children in local schools with meals, school items or anything else the Principals may suggest.

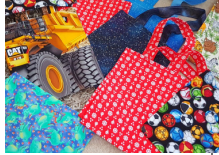


Bryen and Gaile will travel to Bali soon before joining their cruise to Asia. While in Bali, they plan to visit the Bali Life Orphanage again.

Our club has been sponsoring these children for many years with proceeds from the Dumpster Diving Project.

We look forward to hearing the latest news.



Projects completed in March 2026:

- Terrific Kids awards presented at Awaba, Boolaroo, Teralba and Fern Bay PS. 
- We continue to support our Smith Family child each month.
- The Aktion Club meeting is on Wed 25th. Garry will cook a Sausage Sizzle. Thanks Mary and Penny for running the meeting while Ken is away.
- Bryen and his team continue the Dumpster Diving fundraiser - recycling cans & bottles. \$390 raised! 
- Our shipment of books arrived thanks to McGrath Transport who deliver them from Sydney to Newcastle free of charge. The Kiwanis Kids Book Box has been replenished - twice already this week! 
- The Special Olympics Bocce Competition will be held on Sunday 22nd at Charlestown Bowling Club. Thanks Mary, Garry and Scott for volunteering as referees.

Upcoming events:

Our next project will be at our April meeting, assembling the Mother's Day cards ready for delivery to mums in aged care over the weekend of 9th/10th May.

